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Mayor Healy & Police Chief Comey to hold Public Meeting on Public Safety & Newly-formed Community Response Team

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and Police Chief Thomas Comey will hold a public meeting at **6 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2012** in City Hall Council Chambers to address public safety issues and to formally unveil the Police Department’s newly-formed “Community Response Team.”

Last week, the Mayor and Chief Comey appointed 17 officers to the position of detective in direct response to concerns being raised by the public. These detectives will serve as part of a “Community Response Team” to address public safety and quality of life concerns. These detectives will be in uniform, but as detectives will have the added ability to conduct criminal investigations, take statements and thereby accelerate the criminal justice process to prevent further crimes from taking place and to increase the quality of life in the communities they serve.

In addition to the added police presence and the Community Response Team, Mayor Healy has also made a commitment to hiring more police officers.

“As I said in my State of the City address and as I have stated publicly since then, my administration is working closely with the Chief of Police to hire additional officers,” said **Mayor Healy**. “We are actively pursuing the hiring of officers through the Rice Bill and through lateral transfers, and we have also asked the State to certify officers from the current list so that we can begin the process of sending a new class to the academy.”

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